

**STATE OF ARIZONA  
FY 2010 BUDGET REDUCTIONS - ISSUE DESCRIPTIONS**

**Eastern Arizona College**

**Issue Title:** Reduce capital outlay

**Issue Priority:** 1

**Amount:** \$1,100,000

**Issue Description and Statement of Effects**

Forgo capital purchases not already committed.

- This would eliminate scheduled replacements of equipment across all departments as well as facility renovations and modifications.
- EAC is a unique hub for educational resources and holds a unique position among all state community colleges in that it serves a vast geographic area of three rural counties. Demand for our programs and services have increased dramatically in this time of recession.
- Reducing capital purchases can be managed in the short-term; however, capital investment in education at the community college level, especially in rural Arizona, pays almost immediate returns. Investing in job retraining at EAC for as little as 6 months turns a state-aid recipient into a productive tax-paying citizen.

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**Issue Title:** Deferred maintenance

**Issue Priority:** 2

**Amount:** \$400,000

**Issue Description and Statement of Effects**

Delay maintenance needs of equipment and facilities.

- Maintenance of facilities and equipment would only be performed on an emergency basis. Deferring maintenance beyond 12 months will be problematic, especially on our older facilities. Educational equipment must be updated regularly to prepare students for emerging job-market opportunities in areas such as green jobs. If these types of equipment purchases are deferred area residents will lag behind in their job readiness. Maintenance must also be maintained in the pure science labs as a matter of student safety, as well as for program certification.

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**Issue Title:** Reduce scholarships

**Issue Priority:** 3

**Amount:** \$600,000

**Issue Description and Statement of Effects**

Reduce the number of scholarships given to students.

- The tri-county area of Graham, Greenlee and Gila counties is one of the most underserved regions in Arizona. The per capita income of area residents is well below urban residents in Arizona. We have a greater percentage of low-income residents who are now dependent on social security and other health and social services. We also serve a significant Native American population with specialized programming. We will reduce student scholarships to conserve funds but the impact will be reduced accessibility to education where accessibility is already a concern in comparison to urban centers in Arizona.

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**Issue Title:** Program reductions and eliminations

**Issue Priority:** 4

**Amount:** \$1,200,000

**Issue Description and Statement of Effects**

Identify high cost programs for reduction or elimination.

- The college regularly reviews its curricula to eliminate outdated programs and anticipate new emerging program demands. In anticipation of the continuing downturn in the economy EAC will review its program offerings to ensure only those programs with continuing or increasing demands are maintained and that other programs are either combined to make them more effective or eliminated altogether.
- EAC is conscious that programs must be cost-effective. EAC periodically reviews the cost per student in terms of both courses and programs. There must not only be continuing high demand for a program but the cost of the program must be realistic given the economic conditions.